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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE****Amend Claims 3 and 9 as follows:**

3. (Amended) The magnetic head according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein said surface facing to said tape magnetic recording medium is a smooth curved surface having a curvature gentler than the curvature of said rotary drum.

9. (Amended) The rotary magnetic head mechanism according to claim 5 [6, 7 or 8], wherein said surface for facing said tape magnetic recording medium is a smooth curved surface having the curvature gentler than the curvature of said rotary drum.

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